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Washington, D.C. 20231

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- ☒ A return postcard.
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- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (1 pg); 1449 form (1 pg); and copies of 14 cited documents.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ for \_\_\_.
- ☐ A certified copy of a \_\_\_ application, Serial No. \_\_\_, filed \_\_\_, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_.
- ☐ Amendment \_\_\_ No Additional fee is required. \_\_\_ The fee has been calculated as shown:

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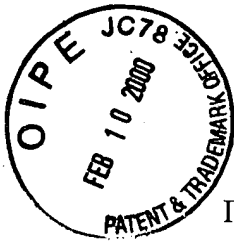
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form(s), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to related application, U.S. Serial No. 08/844,145, filed April 18, 1997 (pending).

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